POSTCRIPT TO PREFACE

ON* THE day following the writing of the fore-
going preface I underwent a severe operation and,
through a marvellous combined application of
physical and biological sciences, I have been so far
restored to health as to be able to write the con-
cluding chapter of this volume and this supplement
to the preface. The latter I write to guard against
being misunderstood in a way which I should
deeply regret; namely, in re-reading my chapters,
I can see that to some readers they may seem to
belittle the achievements of science. I am now
more than ever sensible of the splendour of the
achievements of modern science and grateful to
those whose skill and labour and genius have made
possible such great benefits as I have received at
the hands of my colleagues. I wish, then, to insist
that in these pages I am in no sense attacking
science or any branch of science, nor pretending
to prescribe any limits to the future advances of
science* Where I may seem to write harshly or
unsympathetically, it is of certain pretensions and
of a certain attitude maintained by a certain number
of men of science. In the nineteenth century

science had to fight for its right to exist, especially in our schools and colleges. But that fight is over; there is no longer any need or justification